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Union Pacific donated the engine to the State, which put it on display at the State fairgrounds, where Drury discovered it. In November 1970, the State donated it to the Promontory Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and 12 years later it was moved to Heber City where it became part of the Heber Creeper recreational railroad.

The first Heber Creeper began carrying passengers, freight and livestock, mostly sheep, up and down Provo Canyon, between the Heber Valley and Provo, before the turn of the century. The locals dubbed it the "Heber Creeper" because its average speed was about eight miles per hour. When it was revived as a recreational railroad, it didn't travel any faster, so it continued to be called the Heber Creeper.

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Ruby's Corner

HEBER CREEPER

The Heber Creeper is just a train in the eyes of other men but to our town its pretty special Dating back from 1910. — 1899

It traveled Provo Canyon in pretty rugged weather

Puffing and panting to get to the top.

Bringing us wares from the valley. They bought.

As it rounded the bend down Charleston way

The tune those engine wheels seemed to say — were klackty Klack kalang kalang the train is coming — her chong kerchang And the old Creeper moved right along.

Now the train has turned to recreation.

Come ride this train, then ride it some more.

You will see canyon beauty you have never seen before.

It is plain to see when you take this tour

How it brings back memories of the days of yore.

Eva V. Hill
Heber City

Early Section Hands

